

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 464 AND SENATE BILL 210

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; ENACTING A DESCRIPTION OF AND
REQUIREMENTS FOR A STANDARDIZED SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE;
PROVIDING FOR A STANDARDIZED SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE WITH A
LOGO FOR RETIRED NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE OFFICERS; IMPOSING A
FEE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

"Section 1. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code,
Section 66-3-424 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

"66-3-424. [NEW MATERIAL] STANDARDIZED SPECIAL
REGISTRATION PLATES WITH LOGOS. --

A. Standardized special registration plates with
logos may be authorized by statute to show state support for
worthy public purposes. The authorizing statute shall provide
for collection of fees that, at a minimum, will cover the costs

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1 to the division of development, manufacture and issuance of the
2 special registration plates and logos.

3 B. Standardized special registration plates, on the
4 standardized areas, shall:

5 (1) display the colors of the state flag, red
6 lettering on a yellow background;

7 (2) display the phrases "New Mexico USA" and
8 "Land of Enchantment";

9 (3) provide a space for applying the special
10 registration logo, centered at the left edge of the plate,
11 between the attachment holes, beginning one-fourth inch in from
12 the edge of the plate and having the following dimensions:
13 four and one-eighth inches in height and three and one-eighth
14 inches in width; and

15 (4) provide a vehicle registration number, to
16 be assigned by the division, that consists of five alphanumeric
17 characters displayed to the right of the special logo area.

18 C. Special registration logos, except for the
19 standard dimension specified in Paragraph (3) of Subsection B
20 of this section, shall be left to the design discretion of the
21 division, in consultation with the public purpose interest
22 group that requests the special registration plate.

23 D. Standardized special registration plates with
24 logos, when authorized by statute for a particular public
25 purpose interest group, shall meet the requirements specified

1 in this subsection prior to plate issuance by the division.

2 The public purpose interest group, no later than the effective
3 date of the authorizing statute:

4 (1) shall provide evidence acceptable to the
5 division that it will generate a minimum number of prepaid
6 applications as determined by the division for the special
7 registration plate with logo;

8 (2) shall provide a prepayment to the division
9 in an amount sufficient to cover the plate and logo cost of the
10 initial order;

11 (3) shall provide a sample of the requested
12 artwork design in a format specified by the plate manufacturer
13 for the specialized logo; and

14 (4) in cases where the authorizing statute
15 includes revenue-sharing with distribution directed to a
16 particular group or fund, shall show that the recipient is a
17 governmental entity or a fund authorized for the use of a
18 governmental entity.

19 E. The division may promulgate rules for
20 implementation of the provisions of this section."

21 Section 2. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code,
22 Section 66-3-424.1 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

23 "66-3-424.1. ~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ STANDARDIZED SPECIAL
24 REGISTRATION PLATE FOR RETIRED NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE
25 OFFICERS. --

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1 A. The division shall issue a standardized special
2 registration plate with a logo specified in Section 66-3-424
3 NMSA 1978 indicating that the recipient is a person who is a
4 retired New Mexico state police officer upon submission by the
5 person of proof satisfactory to the division that the person is
6 a retired New Mexico state police officer. The proof shall
7 include the submission of a retirement commission from the New
8 Mexico state police.

9 B. A person shall not represent himself to be a
10 retired New Mexico state police officer if that person is not
11 in fact a retired New Mexico state police officer. The
12 secretary shall determine what constitutes satisfactory proof
13 that a person is a retired New Mexico state police officer.

14 C. A person who violates the provisions of
15 Subsection B of this section is guilty of a petty misdemeanor
16 and shall be sentenced pursuant to Section 31-19-1 NMSA 1978.

17 D. A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which is
18 in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee,
19 shall be collected by the division for the original issuance of
20 the special registration plate for retired New Mexico state
21 police officers.

22 E. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the fee collected
23 pursuant to Subsection D of this section shall be retained by
24 the division and shall be appropriated to the division to
25 defray the cost of making and issuing special registration

1 plates for retired New Mexico state police officers. The
2 remaining fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be deposited in the
3 motor vehicle suspense fund for distribution pursuant to
4 Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978.

5 F. The secretary shall approve the final logo
6 design for the special registration plates for retired New
7 Mexico state police officers. The secretary shall approve and
8 issue a separate and distinctive logo clearly marked as
9 "retired New Mexico state police" for issuance to retired New
10 Mexico state police officers. "

11 Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. --Except for Section 1 of this
12 act, the effective date of the provisions of this act is
13 January 1, 2004. The effective date of the provisions of
14 Section 1 of this act is July 1, 2003.

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